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SUBJECT: SADDIQ AL MAHDI STATEMENT

REF: KHARTOUM 2039

1. JULY 10 LAR MEDIA QUOTES STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED IN PARIS BY SUDANESE NATIONAL FRONT CHAIRMAN AL SADDIQ AL MAHDI. STATEMENT ATTEMPTS TO REFUTE CHARGES OF NUMEIRI OF "FOREIGN INVASION", AND LAR CULPABILITY IN JULY 2 COUP ATTEMPT. AL MAHDI DESCRIBES ATTEMPT AS POPULAR INSURRECTION "UNLEASHED" BY SUDANESE, WITHOUT "SINGLE ELEMENT WHO WAS NOT A SUDANESE CITIZEN." MAHDI CLAIMS SUUDANESE PEOPLE KNOW THOSE INVOLVED WERE "ITS SONS STRUGGLING AGAINST OPPRESSION AND CORRUPTION, AND WOULD NOT BE MISLED BY NAIVE TALK OF MERCENARIES AND FOREIGN INVASION."

2. AL MAHDI ANNOUNCED THAT SUDANESE NATIONAL FRONT COMMANDO AND MILITARY CADRES WERE CAPABLE OF UPROOTING

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NUMEIRE REGIME IN POPUALR INSURRECTION, AND ESTABLISHED POPULAR

AUTHORITY HAD SADAT NOT OPENLY INTERVENED. REASON FOR SADAT'S INTERVENTION, (I.E. LIBYAN SPONSORSHIP) UNJUSTIFIED, AL-MAHDI CLAIMED, BECAUSE COUP ATTEMPT WAS ONE IN SERIES OF SUDANESE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY INSURRECTIONS AGAINST UNJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION, AND IT GAINS STRENGTH AND LEGITMACY FROM FACT INSURRECTION BACKED BY SUDANESE.

3. AL MAHDI CLAIMS NUMEIRI REGIME LOST IDEOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION AND WILL COUNTINUE TO BE INSURGENCY TARGET UNTIL IT IS OVERTHORWN. AL MAHDI DESCRIBES REGIME AS "VOLATILE" BECAUSE OF ITS DIVERGENCE, FROM INITIAL ALIGNMENT WITH EASTERN BLOC, TO WESTERN BLOC. REGIME REPRESENTS DESPOTISM, AL MAHDI CLAIMED, WHICH WAS IMPORTANT FOR SOLVING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, BUT HAS BECOME SYMBOL OF SETBACK FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, AND HAS BECOME CAPITUALTIONIST EXTERNALLY.

4. AL MAHDI STATED SNF REJECTS "SETBACKS AND TREASONS", AND WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO END "MAY" OPPRESSIVE REGIME BY ALL MEANS TO INSURE RIGHTS OF SUDANESE AND REVIVAL OF ISLAM IN MODERN PROGRESSIVE STATE WITH SOCIALIST ECONOMIC SYSTEM DEVOID OF ATHEISM.

5. LAR MEDIA CLAIMS STATEMENT BROADCASTED BY AL MAHDI "IN HIS OWN VOICE" FROM PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY BROADCASTING STATION. COMMENT: ALLEGED PARIS DATELINE GIVEN BY LAR PRESS MIS-LEADING, AND CONTRADICTED BY PARA 5. AS WE DOUBT EXISTENCE OF REVOLUTIONALR RADIO STATION IN PARIS, WE CAN ONLY ASSUME AL MAHDI READ STATEMENT HERE IN TRIPOLI. ARAB DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES ALSO INDICATE AL-MAHDI STILL IN TOWN.  
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